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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

The situation in Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Guinea

Briefing by the Secretariat

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. — 31st PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

2. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: second report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.1) [8]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Hearing of petitioners

2. General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapters VI, IX-XI), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (D-F, H)), A/55/303, A/55/384-S/2000/870, A/C.4/55/L.2, L.3, L.4, A/AC.109/2000/2-10, A/AC.109/2000/13-18); *item 88* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VIII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (A)), A/55/77 and Add.1; *item 89* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter V), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (B)); *item 90* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/C.4/55/CRP.1, E/2000/68); *item 91* (A/55/81 and Add.1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103] (A/55/3•, A/55/74, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/167, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/C.3/55/L.2 and E/2000/9)

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104] (A/55/167, A/55/257-S/2000/766)

Conclusion of general discussion

• To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/55/34 and A/54/960))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 153 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States (A/54/763 and A/54/869))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Human resources management reform

2. Mechanisms of accountability and responsibility

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	43rd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	44th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [7] (DP/2000/29 and Add.1, DP/2000/31, DP/2000/32, DP/2000/33, DP/2000/39 and Add.1) *(continued)*

2. UNDP: Evaluation [8] (DP/2000/34)

3. UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters [9] (DP/CCF/ARM/2, DP/CCF/CZE/2, DP/CCF/UN/2, DP/CCF/MDV/2, DP/CCF/POL/2, DP/CCF/ LO/2, DP/CCF/SVN/2, DP/CCF/UZB/2, DP/CCF/VIE/2, DP/CCF/BUL/1/EXTENSION II, DP/CCF/BEL/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/COS/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/DRK/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/ELS/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/COS/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/DRK/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/ELS/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/EQG/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/HON/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/TOG/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/VEN/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CRR/ALG/1, DP/CRR/GUA/1, DP/CRR/POL/1, DP/CRR/UGA/1, DP/RRR/RBA/1, DP/RRR/RAP/1, DP/RRR/REC/1, DP/RRR/RLA/1, DP/GRR/GCF/1, DP/2000/CRP.14, DP/2000/40)

4. Pending decisions

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today*, 28 September 2000, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

[There will be informal consultations on follow-up to the UNDP ministerial Meeting *today*, 28 September 2000, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.]

[There will an informal briefing on UNDP activities in Mozambique *today*, 28 September 2000, from 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 28 September, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 28 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 28 September 2000

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea)

5 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee matters)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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World Bank Seminar

A seminar on the theme "World Development Report 2000/2001: Attacking Poverty", organized by the World Bank, will take place *today*, 28 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The President of the General Assembly and the Chairpersons of the Main Committees will give a briefing for non-governmental organizations about the main issues facing the Millennium Assembly. The briefing, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place *today*, 28 September 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 29 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 2 to 13 October 2000. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with Ms. Krcalova (tel.: (212) 963-0049).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternative representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (fax: (212)963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. On Tuesday, 3 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Nitin Desai, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will deliver a statement followed by a short dialogue. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Friday, 29 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Deputy Secretary-General will brief the Special Committee.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 18th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone will be held on Friday, 29 September 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Part I) will be held from 2 to 4 October 2000 in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Development Programme

The first informal consultation on the *Human Development Report* 2001 will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters)* on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Third Committee (INSTRAW))* on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peace keeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 2 October, and Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 3 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Special meeting

The International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will hold a meeting of interested Member States and donors on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A, to update delegations on progress made in the GAINS project and the future of the Institute. Kindly confirm participation by calling (212) 963-1663 or 963-5086.

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Briefings

There will be a briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 107 (Advancement of women) and 108 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"). The briefing, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations on the Asia-Pacific Regional High-level Meeting on Energy and Sustainable Development, as a contribution to preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Friday, 29 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Panel discussions

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and Development", sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Speakers will include Mr. Akilagpa Sawyerr, Association of African Universities; Mr. Ascobat Gani, University of Indonesia; Ms. Linda Wong, University of Hong Kong (and currently working at DESA); and Mr. Antony de Bono, International Institute on Ageing. Mr. Nizamuddin, Director, Technical and Policy Division of UNFPA, and Mr. Sidorenko, Chief, United Nations Programme on Ageing, will also participate in the discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms.Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-govenmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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Special event

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4200th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Dr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, China, Argentina, the Netherlands, Canada, Tunisia, Malaysia, Ukraine, Jamaica and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Mali.

Dr. Kouchner responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

29th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Ireland, Colombia, Kuwait, Japan, Cyprus, Bhutan, Germany, Belarus, Ukraine, Ecuador, Croatia, China, Uzbekistan, the United Arab Emirates, Brazil, Peru, Senegal, Malaysia and the Russian Federation.

30th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 10.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Philippines, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, Chile, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cameroon, Bahrain, India, Tunisia, Slovenia, Cuba, Belgium, and Israel.

GENERAL COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Equatorial Guinea (A/55/233)

The representative of Equatorial Guinea, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States" (A/55/233).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/417)

The Chairman recalled that the General Assembly, at its 9th plenary meeting on 11 September 2000, had allocated the item to the Third Committee.

The representative of Italy, under rule 43 of the rules of procedures, made a statement concerning the request to also consider agenda item 105 (Crime prevention and criminal justice) directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the draft protocols thereto.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 105 be also considered directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the draft protocols thereto.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 5th meeting

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Ghana and Egypt.

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

Request for hearing

The Committee considered a communication containing a request for hearing relating to New Caledonia (A/C.4/55/4).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Question of Guam

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the representative of the Governor of Guam, Mr. Ron Rivera, made a statement.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the representative of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, Mr. Carlyle Corbin, made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Gibraltar

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Mr. J. J. Bossano, Leader of the Opposition (A/C.4/55/2).

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mme Régine Villemont, Association des Amis de la République Arabe Sahrouié Démocratique (A/C.4/55/3/Add.1), Ms. Margot Kessler, Peace for the Sahrawi People (A/C.4/55/3/Add.2), Mr. Carmelo Ramírez Marrero, Federación de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui de España (A/C.4/55/3/Add.3), Mr. Werner Ruf, on behalf of Medico International (A/C.4/55/3/Add.11), Ms. Gajmoula Ebbi (A/C.4/55/3/Add.18), Mr. Julio Bonis Alvarez, Councillor of the Presidency of the Government of the Canary Islands, Spain (A/C.4/55/3/Add.4), and Mr. Elfidio Alonso Quintero, Deputy, Parliament of the Canary Islands (A/C.4/55/3/Add.5).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 4th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the programme of work.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Chairman also informed the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a)-(g) would be Friday, 19 October 2000 and that the appointments to these bodies would take place on Friday, 3 November 2000.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Louis-Dominique Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), introduced the annual report of the Unit (A/55/34) and on the work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2000 and the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2001 and beyond (A/54/960).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Cyprus and Malta), Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit replied to questions raised

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 28 September, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Haeyun Park (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2)

Statements were made by the representatives of Tajikistan, Bulgaria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Somalia, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Comoros, Ukraine, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Tunisia, Cuba and Kyrgyzstan.

The Committee thus conclude its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, 27 September, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 766th meeting

Consideration of special reports [7]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, France, Cuba, Algeria, the Sudan, China, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Turkey, Tunisia, India and Germany.

767th meeting

Consideration of special reports [7]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, France, Germany and Cuba.

Following a motion by the representative of the Russian Federation under rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council to reconsider the recommendation to the Economic and Social Council to suspend the consultative status of the Transnational Radical Party for a period of three years, the Committee rejected the motion by a roll-call vote of 5 to 12 with 2 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Turkey, France, the United States, Chile, India and China.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2000

655th and 656th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Colombia (CRC/C/70/Add.5).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Accession: Norway (26 September 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Health Situation in Africa: HIV/AIDS and Other Priorities", organized by the World Health Organization, *today*, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be chaired by Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations. Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa, will be the keynote speaker. H.E. Prof. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will co-chair the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Older Persons

On the occasion of the tenth annual commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Aging, in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information, will hold an event on the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages" on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The speakers in the morning programme will include H.E. Sra. Julia T. de Alvarez, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations. The afternoon programme will include a screening of clips from the film "The Buena Vista Social Club" followed by a panel dialogue on "Multigenerational/ multicultural Perspectives on life in the older years". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 29 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. (sharp)	4201st meeting*	Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda		
2. The situation in Burundi		
Following the adjournment of the 4201st meeting	4202nd (private) meeting	Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda		
2. The situation in Burundi		
3 p.m.	4203rd meeting**	Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda		
2. The situation in East Timor		

* A briefing will be given by His Excellency Mr. Nelson Mandela, Facilitator of the Arusha Peace Process.

** A briefing will be given by Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Transitional Administrator of East Timor.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — 1440th (closed) meeting — Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1132 (1997) CONCERNING SIERRA LEONE

3.30 p.m. — 18th (closed) meeting* — Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Hearing of petitioners
2. General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapters VI, IX-XI), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (D-F, H)), A/55/303, A/55/384-S/2000/870, A/C.4/55/L.2, L.3, L.4, A/AC.109/2000/2-10, A/AC.109/2000/13-18); *item 88* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VIII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (A)), A/55/77 and Add.1; *item 89* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter V), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (B)); *item 90* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/C.4/55/CRP.1, E/2000/68); *item 91* (A/55/81 and Add.1)
3. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [88]: draft resolution I (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
4. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [89]: draft resolution II (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
5. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 18): draft decision (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
6. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [90]: draft resolution III (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
7. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [91]: draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.2)
8. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]
   (a) Question of Western Sahara: draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.3)
   (b) Question of Gibraltar: draft decision (A/C.4/55/L.4)
   (c) Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution IV (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
   (d) Question of Tokelau: draft resolution V (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
   (e) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands: draft resolution VI (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 8th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105] (A/55/156, A/55/119, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/CONF.187/15)

2. International drug control [106] (A/55/126, A/55/375, A/55/68-S/2000/377, A/55/133-S/2000/682, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/260-S/2000/108, A/55/326-S/2000/834)

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/55/34 and A/54/960))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Human resources management reform

2. Mechanisms of accountability and responsibility

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	45th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	46th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters [9] (DP/GRR/GCF/1, DP/2000/CRP.14, DP/RRR/RBA/1, DP/RRR/RAP/1, DP/RRR/REC/1, DP/RRR/RLA/1, DP/2000/40)

2. UNDP: Technical cooperation among developing countries [10] (DP/2000/36)

3. Other matters [11]

4. Pending decisions

5. Organizational matters [1] (DP/2000/27, DP/2000/CRP.13)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today*, 29 September 2000, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

[There will be informal consultations to discuss the new GCF concept paper *today*, 29 September 2000, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on *today*, 29 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 29 September 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

Morning*.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee.

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee (INSTRAW))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ISLAMIC GROUP
(on Third Committee matters)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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There will be a meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) *(on disarmament issues) today*, 29 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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The delegation of Myanmar to the First Committee will hold a meeting of like-minded countries *today*, 29 September 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room B, to consider the draft resolution on nuclear disarmament.

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Special meeting

The International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will hold a meeting of interested Member States and donors *today*, 29 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A, to update delegations on progress made in the GAINS project and the future of the Institute. Kindly confirm participation by calling (212) 963-1663 or 963-5086.

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Briefings

There will be a briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 107 (Advancement of women) and 108 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"). The briefing, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place *today*, 29 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations, together with the Regional Commissions New York Office and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on the Asia-Pacific Regional High-level Meeting on Energy and Sustainable Development, as a contribution to preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, *today*, 29 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 2 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Working Group.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 2 to 13 October 2000. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with Ms. Krcalova (tel.: (212) 963-0049).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternative representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (fax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. On Tuesday, 3 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Nitin Desai, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will deliver a statement followed by a short dialogue. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting for Permanent Representatives (and one expert) on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Deputy Secretary-General and Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Chairman of the Panel on the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, will brief the Special Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Part I) will be held from 2 to 4 October 2000 in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Development Programme

The first informal consultation on the *Human Development Report* 2001 will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 2 October, and on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be meetings of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 3 October, and on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D.

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 3 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Panel discussions

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and Development", sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Speakers will include Mr. Akilagpa Sawyerr, Association of African Universities; Mr. Ascobat Gani, University of Indonesia; Ms. Linda Wong, City University of Hong Kong (and currently working at DESA); and Mr. Antony de Bono, International Institute on Ageing. Mr. Nizamuddin, Director, Technical and Policy Division of UNFPA, and Mr. Sidorenko, Chief, United Nations Programme on Ageing, will also participate in the discussion. Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will open the meeting. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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Special events

There will be a presentation of the video "World Bank 2000: Prague and the Annual Report", organized by the World Bank, on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will be followed by a briefing on the 2000 Annual Report of the World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

31st plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 10.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Moldova, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, the United Republic of Tanzania, Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Indonesia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Namibia, Australia, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Argentina, Uruguay, South Africa, Albania, Kyrgyzstan, and Oman.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1).

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: second report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.1) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States" and to consider the additional item directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to also consider agenda item 105 (Crime prevention and criminal justice) directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the draft protocols thereto.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that it would consider agenda item 15 (b) (Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council) on Thursday, 12 October 2000, in the morning, agenda item 170 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe) on Friday, 20 October 2000, in the morning, and agenda item 174 (The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, in the morning. The Assembly was further informed that the lists of speakers for items 170 and 174 were open.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 6th meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Western Sahara

The Committee heard statements by Mr. Robert Jarry, Mayor, City of Mans (France) (A/C.4/55/3/Add.9), Mr. Felipe Briones Vives, International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara (A/C.4/55/3/Add.6), and Mr. Francisco José Alonso Rodríguez, Human Rights League of Spain (A/C.4/55/3/Add.7).

Mr. Briones Vives and Mr. Alonso Rodríguez replied to questions posed to them by the representative of Morocco.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representative of Morocco.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

Further statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Morocco, Antigua and Barbuda, Namibia, South Africa, Papua New Guinea, Guinea, Senegal, Ghana, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cuba, Zimbabwe, Angola and Jamaica.

On the proposal by the Acting Chairperson, the meeting was suspended for 10 minutes.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Salem Bouseif Brahim, on behalf of Frente Polisario (A/C.4/55/3/Add.8), Mr. Richard Cazenave, Groupe d'études parlementaire sur les droits de l'homme of the French National Assembly (A/C.4/55/3/Add.19), Mr. Gaoutah Mohamed Ahmed Baba (A/C.4/55/3/Add.14) and Mr. Mohamed Salem Ali Omar Bahia (A/C.4/55/3/Add.15).

Mr. Cazenave replied to questions posed to them by the representative of Algeria.

Statement on a point of order was made by the representative of Algeria.

Organization of work

The Acting Chairperson made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela, Mongolia, India, Israel, the Dominican Republic, Spain, Australia, Ethiopia, China, the Philippines, Germany, Belarus, Saudi Arabia, Bhutan and Benin, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

7th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the agenda items 103 and 104 and heard statements by the representatives of Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Ecuador, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Myanmar, Haiti, Peru, Iraq and Morocco.

The representative of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also made a statement.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made some closing remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the items.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Corrigendum to the summary of the 766th and 767th meeting of the COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (see *Journal* No. 2000/188, p. 12): the summary should read as follows:

766th meeting

Consideration of special reports [7]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Following statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States, the representative of France requested a vote on the decision adopted by the Committee at its 763rd meeting on 23 June 2000.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Algeria, the Sudan, China, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Turkey, Tunisia, India and Germany.

767th meeting

Consideration of special reports [7]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, France, Germany and Cuba.

Evoking rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council concerning reconsideration of proposals, the Committee rejected the proposal to reconsider the recommendation to suspend the consultative status of the Transnational Radical Party by a roll-call vote of 5 to 12, with 2 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Turkey, France, the United States, Chile, India and China.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2000

657th and 658th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Central African Republic (CRC/C/11/Add.18).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: United Arab Emirates (18 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Bolivia (27 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Older Persons

On the occasion of the tenth annual commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Aging, in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information, will hold an event on the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages" on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The speakers in the morning programme will include H.E. Sra. Julia T. de Alvarez, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations. The afternoon programme will include a screening of clips from the film "The Buena Vista Social Club" followed by a panel dialogue on "Multigenerational/ multicultural Perspectives on life in the older years". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 2 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING
THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m. 205th (closed) meeting* Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 3rd meeting | Conference Room 4

1. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs

2. General debate:

Mexico
France (on behalf of the European Union)
Brazil
New Zealand
Argentina
Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN)
Sweden (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition)
Bangladesh
Indonesia
United Arab Emirates

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 3rd meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Election of one Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur

2. Organization of work (A/55/250 and Corr. 1, A/C.2/55/1, A/C.2/55/L.1 and Add.1)

3. General debate:

Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77)
France (on behalf of the European Union)
Norway
Bangladesh
Egypt
China
Japan
Peru
Pakistan
Mexico
Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS))
Ghana
Honduras

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 4th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ukraine
Russian Federation
Ecuador
Belarus
Morocco
United Arab Emirates
Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC))
Solomon Island
Algeria
Guyana
United States
Nepal
Philippines

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 9th meeting | Conference Room 1

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | 10th meeting | Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105] (A/55/156, A/55/119, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4 and L.5)

2. International drug control [106] (A/55/126, A/55/375, A/55/68-S/2000/377, A/55/133-S/2000/682, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/260-S/2000/108, A/55/326-S/2000/834)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 5th meeting | Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122] (A/55/11)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [121] (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83 (A/C.5/54/64 and A/54/690/Add.2)

   Programme budget implications of General Assembly resolution 54/283 on the review of the problem of HIV/AIDS in all its aspects

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/55/L.4

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

   Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on results-based budgeting

2. UNTAET

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMNISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Monday, 2 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting for Permanent Representatives (and one expert) on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Deputy Secretary-General and Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Chairman of the Panel on the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, will brief the Special Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 2 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Tuesday, 3 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Tuesday, 3 october, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Thursday, 5 october, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 13th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998) will be held on Tuesday, 3 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

The first informal consultation on the *Human Development Report* 2001 will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 3 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be meetings of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 3 October, and on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D.

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There will be a briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation. The briefing will take place on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Panel discussions

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and Development", sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Speakers will include Mr. Akilagpa Sawyerr, Association of African Universities; Mr. Ascobat Gani, University of Indonesia; Ms. Linda Wong, City University of Hong Kong (and currently working at DESA); and Mr. Antony de Bono, International Institute on Ageing. Mr. Nizamuddin, Director, Technical and Policy Division of UNFPA, and Mr. Sidorenko, Chief, United Nations Programme on Ageing, will also participate in the discussion. Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will open the meeting. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and the World of Work", co-sponsored by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Friday, 6 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. The speakers will be Mr. Ali Taqi, Special Adviser, ILO; Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA; Mr. James Schulz, Professor Emeritus, Brandeis University; and Ms. Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums", co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Gelson Fonseca, Jr., Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

There will be a presentation of the video "World Bank 2000: Prague and the Annual Report", organized by the World Bank, on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will be followed by a briefing on the 2000 Annual Report of the World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 29 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4201st meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Pierre Elliott Trudeau, former Prime Minister of Canada

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council, paying tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Pierre Elliott Trudeau, former Prime Minister of Canada

The members of the Council observed a minute of silence.

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Nelson Mandela, Facilitator of the Arusha Process.

The Council began its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Council then heard a briefing by His Excellency Mr. Mandela.

The President announced that in accordance with the agreement reached in the Council's prior consultations, the statement by the President on behalf of the Council would be issued as a document of the Council under the symbol S/PRST/2000/29.

4202nd (private) meeting

The situation in Burundi

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4202nd meeting, held in private on 29 September 2000, the Security Council considered the situation in Burundi.

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Nelson Mandela, Facilitator of the Arusha Peace Process.

"The Council had a useful exchange of views with His Excellency Mr. Mandela on the Burundi peace process and issues relating to the implementation of the peace agreement.

"The members of the Council thanked His Excellency Mr. Mandela for coming to New York to brief the Council and commended his efforts on behalf of peace in Burundi."

4203rd meeting

The situation in East Timor

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, Japan, Mozambique, and New Zealand, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Transitional Administrator for East Timor.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Transitional Administrator for East Timor.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Argentina, Namibia, China, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Canada, Tunisia, Malaysia, Ukraine and Jamaica, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Mali, as well as by the representative of France (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Brazil, Mozambique, New Zealand, Australia and Indonesia.

Mr. Vieira de Mello responded to comments and questions posed by the members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 7th meeting

Organization of work

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Western Sahara

The Committee heard statements by Mr. Ahmed Cherif (A/C.4/55/3/Add.17) and Mr. Akbar Ali Thobhani (A/C.4/55/3/Add.20).

Mr. Cherif and Mr. Thobhani replied to questions posed to them by the representatives of Gabon, Guinea, Senegal and Antigua and Barbuda.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria.

Question of New Caledonia

In accordance with a decision taken at the 5th meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Mr. Roch Wamytan, Front de libération nationale Kanak socialiste (A/C.4/55/4).

Mr. Wamytan replied to a question posed to him by the representative of Papua New Guinea.

The representative of France made a statement.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Spain, Singapore, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Chile, Bahrain, Indonesia (on behalf of the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam), Fiji, South Africa, Venezuela, Namibia and Mozambique.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Morocco.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Further statements were made by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco, as well as by the Chairman.

THIRD COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

International drug control [106]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and was reminded that the General Committee had recommended to the General Assembly that agenda item 105, (Crime prevention and criminal justice) be also considered directly in the plenary for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and on the draft protocols thereto.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, in which the representatives of Colombia, Pakistan, Guinea, France, Lebanon and Uganda took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, and Norway), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Austria, Peru, Cuba, Japan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2000

659th and 660th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Marshall Islands (CRC/C/28/Add.12).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Acceptance: Germany (28 September 2000)*

Acceptance: Belgium (29 September 2000)*

Acceptance: Luxembourg (29 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), will be on display from 4 to 31 October 2000, in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. An opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Older Persons

On the occasion of the tenth annual commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Aging, in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information, will hold an event on the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages" on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The speakers in the morning programme will include H.E. Sra. Julia T. de Alvarez, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations. The afternoon programme will include a screening of clips from the film "The Buena Vista Social Club" followed by a panel dialogue on "Multigenerational/ multicultural Perspectives on life in the older years". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Lesotho
H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela

Asian States:
Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury

Eastern European States:
Slovakia
H.E. Mr. Peter Tomka

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Belize
H.E. Mr. Stuart Leslie

Western European and other States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Umit Pamir

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Sierra Leone

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3 p.m.	13th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | 4th meeting | Conference Room 1

General debate:

Bangladesh
Indonesia
United Arab Emirates
South Africa
China
Japan
Peru
Costa Rica
Egypt
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Norway

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 8th meeting | Conference Room 1

1. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [88]: draft resolution I (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

2. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [89]: draft resolution II (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

3. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 18): draft decision (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

4. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [90]: draft resolution III (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

5. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [91]: draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.2)

6. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Question of Western Sahara: draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.3)

   (b) Question of Gibraltar: draft decision (A/C.4/55/L.4)

   (c) Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution IV (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

   (d) Question of Tokelau: draft resolution V (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

   (e) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands: draft resolution VI (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 5th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

General debate *(continued)*:

Tajikistan
Uruguay
Uganda
Cuba
Malawi
Guatemala
Indonesia
Ethiopia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Monaco
Botswana
Israel
Viet Nam
Senegal
The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [169]

General discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 153 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States (A/54/763 and A/54/869) and 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Letters dated 17 July and 26 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2 and A/C.5/55/12))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

UNTAET

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMNISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held *today*, 3 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 3 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 3 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Tuesday, 3 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.- 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Working Group.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

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All States, as well as specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organisations and relevant entities, having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly are invited to participate.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) will take place on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss the themes for the 2001 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment and Coordination Segment.

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United Nations Development Programme

The first informal consultation on the *Human Development Report* 2001 will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement (JCC) *(at the ambassadorial level) (on a briefing by Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi on the report of the Panel on Peace Operations)* on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, scheduled for Thursday, 5 October 2000 has been postponed until Thursday, 9 November 2000 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussions

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and Development", sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Speakers will include Mr. Akilagpa Sawyerr, Association of African Universities; Mr. Ascobat Gani, University of Indonesia; Ms. Linda Wong, City University of Hong Kong (and currently working at DESA); and Mr. Antony de Bono, International Institute on Ageing. Mr. Nizamuddin, Director, Technical and Policy Division of UNFPA, and Mr. Sidorenko, Chief, United Nations Programme on Ageing, will also participate in the discussion. Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will open the meeting. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and the World of Work", co-sponsored by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Friday, 6 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. The speakers will be Mr. Ali Taqi, Special Adviser, ILO; Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA; Mr. James Schulz, Professor Emeritus, Brandeis University; and Ms. Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums", co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

There will be a presentation of the video "World Bank 2000: Prague and the Annual Report", organized by the World Bank, on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will be followed by a briefing on the 2000 Annual Report of the World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, France (on behalf of the European Union), Sweden (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), New Zealand, Argentina, Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN) and Brazil.

Election of the Vice-Chairmen

The Committee elected Mr. Abdelkader Mesdoua (Algeria) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

3rd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it documents A/55/250 and Corr.1 and A/C.2/55/L.1 and Add.1.

The Chairman orally revised revised the programme of work contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1. as follows: the morning meeting, on Friday, 6 October, will be allocated to macroeconomic policy questions: sub-item 92 (e) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries), the afternoon meeting of Friday, 6 October and the morning meeting of Monday, 9 October, will be allocated to sub-item 92 (d) (Science and Technology for Development).

The Committee approved the programme of work, as orally revised.

The Chairman made statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta) which aligned themselves with the statement), Norway, Bangladesh, Egypt, Pakistan, Japan, Peru, China, Mexico, Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)), Ghana and Honduras.

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Ecuador, Belarus, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), the United States, Nepal and Philippines.

The Chairman reported on the informal consultations on the video link with the high-level meeting of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board from Geneva, which will take place in the morning of 16 October.

The representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77), Sudan and Guyana made statements.

The representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee proposed that the main theme be "Regional integration" with a sub-theme "Integration of the least developed countries into the global economy."

The Committee postponed its consideration of the matter to a later meeting.

THIRD COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

International drug control [106]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, San Marino, Chile, Monaco, Algeria, Senegal, Egypt, China and the Russian Federation.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

10th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of items 105 and 106 and heard statements by the representatives of Kuwait, Indonesia, Cuba, Belarus (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Independent States), the Sudan, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Poland, Iraq and Nigeria.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy), introduced the report of that Committee (A/55/11).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Brazil, the United States, China, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Croatia, Japan, Norway, South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Argentina, India, Pakistan, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group) and Botswana.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 6 p.m. on Monday, 2 October, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 122.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

6th meeting

Pattern of conferences [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Ms. Valeria Maria Gonzalez Posse (Argentina), introduced the report of that Committee (A/55/32).

The Committee had before it documents A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/430).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta Turkey and Norway), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh and the United States.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 October, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 121.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83

The Committee had before it documents A/C.5/54/L.83, A/C.5/54/64 and A/54/690/Add.2.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, since the subject matter had been taken over by events, a decision by the Fifth Committee on the statement of the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83, contained in document A/C.5/54/64, was no longer needed at this stage.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of General Assembly resolution 54/283 on the review of the problem of HIV/AIDS in all its aspects

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/55/L.4.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.5.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2000

661st and 662nd (closed) meetings

General comments [8]

The Committee considered the item.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered reports by States parties.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). Geneva, 30 September 1957

Accession: Azerbaijan (28 September 2000)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Azerbaijan (28 September 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Approval: Azerbaijan (28 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Thailand (2 October 2000)

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Approval: Denmark (29 September 2000)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Acceptance: Cuba (29 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), will be on display from 4 to 31 October 2000, in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. An opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

An event to launch the first World Space Week will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The programme will highlight opportunities presented by space technology for addressing such issues as security, health, education and access to information in developing countries. A message from the Secretary-General will be delivered by Mr. Hogen Kensaku, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information. Ms. Mazlan Othman, Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA), will give an opening address, followed by a videotaped message by science-fiction author Arthur C. Clarke. Lou Dobbs, Chief Executive Officer, SPACE.com, and former anchor, CNN, will moderate a panel of space explorers from India, Romania, the United States, and European Space Agency. There will be presentations on space technology being used to improve agriculture and disaster management in China, and on space for humanitarian relief, followed by a space conference for students. The programme is sponsored by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA) and the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Planetary Society. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Older Persons

On the occasion of the tenth annual commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Aging, in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information, will hold an event on the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages" on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The speakers in the morning programme will include H.E. Sra. Julia T. de Alvarez, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations. The afternoon programme will include a screening of clips from the film "The Buena Vista Social Club" followed by a panel dialogue on "Multigenerational/multicultural Perspectives on life in the older years". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Guinea

Other matters

11.30 a.m. Conference Room 7

Private meeting of the members of the Security Council and the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)

3 p.m. 4204th (resumed) meeting Security Council Chamber

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/928)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/929)

Identical letters dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2000/930)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/934)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/935)

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Advance announcement

Security Council Working Group on Peace Operations will meet on Thursday, 5 October 2000, at 4 p.m. in the Consultation Room.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Switzerland
Mali
United States
Belarus
Algeria
Russian Federation
Colombia
Senegal
Chile

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105] (A/55/156, A/55/119, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4 and L.5)

2. International drug control [106] (A/55/126, A/55/375, A/55/68-S/2000/377, A/55/133-S/2000/682, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/260-S/2000/108, A/55/326-S/2000/834)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122] (A/55/11)

Continuation of the general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

UNTAET

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), to discuss the themes for the 2001 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment and Coordination Segment

ADMNISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second session

10.45 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Development Programme

The first informal consultation on the *Human Development Report* 2001 will be held *today*, 4 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 4 October 2000

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE GROUP OF 77
(at the ambassadorial level)
(briefing by Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi on the report of the Panel on Peace Operations)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ARAB GROUP

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	To be announced

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be a meeting of troop contributors to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) with members of the Security Council *today*, 4 October 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 82 (Effects of Atomic Radiation) and other related agenda items are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (Room S-2977, tel.: (212) 963-3051), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel on the status of the reform of the international financial architecture will be the subject of a panel of experts and an open discussion, hosted by the Second Committee, in support of the General Assembly deliberations on macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (agenda item 94 (e)) on 10 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will be Mr. Rumman Faruqi, Director, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat; Ms. Barbara Samuels II, Project Director of the Council on Foreign Relations Roundtable on Country Risk in the Post Asia-Crisis Era; Ms. Sylvia Saborío, Co-Chair of Overseas Development Council Task Force on "The Future Role of the IMF in Development"; and Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Independent Expert on the Right to Development, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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All States, as well as specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organisations and relevant entities, having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly are invited to participate.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 206th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Thursday, 5 October 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Grant Robertson (New Zealand) on item 8 (Restructuring and Revitalisation of the United Nations in Economic and Social Fields) will take place on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and, if necessary, on Wednesday, 11 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the African Group of the Whole on Thursday, 5 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, scheduled for Thursday, 5 October 2000 has been postponed until Thursday, 9 November 2000 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing of the World Bank on its latest policy research report entitled "Engendering Development : Through Gender Equality in Rights, Resources, and Voice" on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussions

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and the World of Work", co-sponsored by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Friday, 6 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. The speakers will be Mr. Ali Taqi, Special Adviser, ILO; Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA; Mr. James Schulz, Professor Emeritus, Brandeis University; and Ms. Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums", co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

There will be a presentation of the video "World Bank 2000: Prague and the Annual Report", organized by the World Bank, on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will be followed by a briefing on the 2000 Annual Report of the World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4204th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/928)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/929)

Identical letters dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/930)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/934)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/935)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Yemen, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 3 October 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2000/938), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to participate in the debate.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the United States, France, Bangladesh, the Netherlands, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Argentina, Jamaica, the United Kingdom, China, Canada, Tunisia and Mali, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Namibia.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Egypt and the South Africa.

The meeting was suspended.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Bangladesh, Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, China, Japan, Peru, Costa Rica, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Norway.

Election of the Rapporteur

The Committee elected Mr. Rastislav Gabriel (Slovakia) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 8th meeting

Note: The summary of the 8th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/193).

SECOND COMMITTEE 5th meeting

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

An exchange of views was held and statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, Saint Lucia, Brazil, Pakistan, Nepal and Mexico.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs responded to queries raised.

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Tajikistan, Uruguay, Uganda, Cuba, Malawi, Guatemala, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Monaco.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [169]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were then made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Norway, Pakistan, the United States, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Croatia, Bangladesh, Israel, Argentina, Mexico, Turkey, Burkina Faso, Hungary, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Romania, Estonia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Cyprus, Slovenia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Chairman informed the Committee that, as agreed by the Bureau, Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland) would chair the informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations) and that H.E. Dr. Movses Abelian (Armenia) would chair the informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations) as well as sub-item153 (b) (Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, to set 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 October, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 169.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2000

663rd and 664th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Slovakia (CRC/C/11/Add.17).

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Accession: Equatorial Guinea (28 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), will be on display from *today*, 4 October to 31 October 2000, in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. An opening ceremony will take place *today*, 4 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

An event to launch the first World Space Week will be held *today*, 4 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The programme will highlight opportunities presented by space technology for addressing such issues as security, health, education and access to information in developing countries. A message from the Secretary-General will be delivered by Mr. Hogen Kensaku, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information. Ms. Mazlan Othman, Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA), will give an opening address, followed by a videotaped message by science-fiction author Arthur C. Clarke. Lou Dobbs, Chief Executive Officer, SPACE.com, and former anchor, CNN, will moderate a panel of space explorers from India, Romania, the United States, and European Space Agency. There will be presentations on space technology being used to improve agriculture and disaster management in China, and on space for humanitarian relief, followed by a space conference for students. The programme is sponsored by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA) and the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Planetary Society. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Older Persons

On the occasion of the tenth annual commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Aging, in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information, will hold an event on the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages" on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The speakers in the morning programme will include H.E. Sra. Julia T. de Alvarez, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations. The afternoon programme will include a screening of clips from the film "The Buena Vista Social Club" followed by a panel dialogue on "Multigenerational/multicultural Perspectives on life in the older years". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Guinea-Bissau

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in that country (S/2000/920)

UNIKOM

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (31 March - 21 September 2000) (S/2000/914)

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Other matters

3 p.m. 4204th (resumed) meeting Security Council Chamber

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Advance announcement

Security Council Working Group on Peace Operations will meet on Friday, 6 October 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in the Consultation Room.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

Afternoon*	206th meeting** (closed)	Conference Room 7

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

General debate *(continued)*:

Canada
United States (on behalf of China, France, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom)
Guatemala
Venezuela
Malaysia
Czech Republic
Croatia
Kenya
Angola
Bulgaria

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6, Introduction and Programmes 1, 3, 4, 6, 21, 22 and 23)

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcain, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United Virgin Islands: draft resolution VI (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII))

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Israel
Viet Nam
Senegal
Saudi Arabia
Venezuela
Costa Rica
Benin
Botswana
Kenya
Lao People's Democratic Republic
South Africa
Mongolia
Malaysia
India
San Marino
Yemen
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
International Labour Organisation
Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(concluded)*:

Mauritania
Cape Verde
Kyrgyzstan
Myanmar
Sudan
Madagascar
Syrian Arab Republic
Singapore
Tunisia
Turkey
Angola
Oman
Moldova
Republic of Korea
Algeria
Togo (on behalf of OAU)
Jordan
Bhutan
Philippines
El Salvador
Dominican Republic
Cameroon

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [169]

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [121] (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Letters dated 17 July and 26 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2 and A/C.5/55/12))

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNTAET

2. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 5 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 5 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Thursday, 5 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room D

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee matters - INSTRAW)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Workshop

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Briefing

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 6 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

12 noon	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 82 (Effects of atomic radiation) and other related agenda items are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (Room S-2977, tel.: (212) 963-3051), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

The status of the reform of the international financial architecture will be the subject of a panel of experts and an open discussion, hosted by the Second Committee, in support of the General Assembly deliberations on macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (agenda item 92 (e)), on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will be Mr. Rumman Faruqi, Director, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat; Ms. Barbara Samuels II, Project Director of the Council on Foreign Relations' Roundtable on Country Risk in the Post Asia-Crisis Era; Ms. Sylvia Saborío, Co-Chair of Overseas Development Council Task Force on "The Future Role of the IMF in Development", and Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Independent Expert on the Right to Development, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) on Friday, 6 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects will hold an informal inter-sessional meeting on Friday, 6 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to continue its consideration of the following informal proposals of the Chairman circulated to delegations during the informal inter-sessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee held from 17 to 19 July 2000: draft objective of the Conference, draft provisional agenda, structure and elements for a Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

All States, as well as specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organizations and relevant entities, having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly are invited to participate.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (i) (Towards a nuclear-free world: the need for a new agenda), organized by the delegation of Sweden, on Friday, 6 October 2000, at 12 noon in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (j) (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures), organized by the delegation of Germany, on Monday, 9 October 2000, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Panel discussions

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and the World of Work", co-sponsored by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Friday, 6 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. The speakers will be Mr. Ali Taqi, Special Adviser, ILO; Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA; Mr. James Schulz, Professor Emeritus, Brandeis University; and Ms. Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums", co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 8th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [88]

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted draft resolution I, contained in document A/55/23 (Part III) by a recorded vote of 103 to none, with 5 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Subsequently, the representative of Kuwait informed the Committee that, had his delegation been present, it would have intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 88.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [89]

A/55/23 (Part III), draft resolution II, deletion of operative paragraph 7

The representative of the United States made a statement.

By a recorded vote of 3 to 42, with 56 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the deletion of operative paragraph 7.

A/55/23 (Part III), draft resolution II, as a whole

The Committee adopted draft resolution II contained in document A/55/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 110 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration: draft decision I (item 18)

The Committee adopted the draft decision contained in document A/55/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 71 to 41, with no abstention.

Subsequently, the representative of Togo informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft decision but had pressed the wrong button instead.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [90]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted draft resolution III contained in document A/55/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 74 to none, with 40 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of France, on behalf of European Union.

The representative of Chad made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 90.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [91]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.2 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 91.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

The Secretary of the Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement.

Question of Western Sahara

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted without a vote draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.3.

Statements in explanation of their position after the decision were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia - and the associated countries - Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA country members of the EEA - Iceland and Norway), Morocco, Algeria and Senegal.

Question of Gibraltar

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/55/L.4, without a vote.

Question of New Caledonia

The Committee adopted draft resolution IV, contained in document A/55/23 (Part III), without a vote.

Question of Tokelau

The Committee adopted draft resolution V, contained in document A/55/23 (Part III) without a vote.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Island and the United States Virgin Islands

On the proposal made by the Acting Chairman, the Committee decided to defer consideration of the consolidated draft resolution at a later meeting.

Organization of work

The Acting Chairman made a statement.

Wednesday, 4 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4204th (resumed) meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/928)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/929)

Identical letters dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/930)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/934)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/935)

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, the Sudan, the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, His Excellency Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 3 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations (S/2000/939), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Dr. Hussein Hassouna, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 3 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations (S/2000/951), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Mokhtar Lamani, Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations.

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Algeria, Pakistan and Jordan.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard the statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Yemen, India, Iraq and Mauritania.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard the statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Dr. Hassouna.

The Council then heard a statement by the representative of Turkey.

The meeting was suspended.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Switzerland, Mali, the United States, Belarus, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Colombia, Senegal and Chile.

THIRD COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

International drug control [106]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Cyprus, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Israel, Jamaica (on behalf of the member countries of the Caribbean Community), Ukraine, Pakistan, Mexico, China, Guatemala, Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Armenia, Belarus, Kyrgysztan, Tajikistan and the Russian Federation), Guinea, Italy, Madagascar, Bangladesh and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

12th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda items 105 and 106 and heard statements by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nepal, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and the Republic of Moldova), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lebanon, Brazil, Myanmar, Turkey, Bahrain, Haiti, Cameroon, Brunei Darussalam, India and Venezuela.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of items 105 and 106.

The Secretary made a statement in connection with the title of the United Nations African Institute for Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of work and informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.6 on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons would be introduced on Monday, 9 October. The Committee would aim to take action on it on Tuesday, 10 October, along with the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/55/L.2.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Mozambique, the Czech Republic, Morocco, the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Egypt, Indonesia, Belarus, Venezuela, Cuba, Tunisia, Ukraine (on behalf of Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and the Republic of Moldova), Singapore, Peru, the United Arab Emirates, Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Poland, Kyrgyzstan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cambodia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Organization of work

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations), made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
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WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2000

665th and 666th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros (CRC/C/28/Add.13).

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Accession: Honduras (3 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Older Persons

On the occasion of the tenth annual commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Aging, in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information, will hold an event on the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages" *today*, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The speakers in the morning programme will include H.E. Sra. Julia T. de Alvarez, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations. The afternoon programme will include a screening of clips from the film "The Buena Vista Social Club" followed by a panel dialogue on "Multigenerational/multi- cultural Perspectives on life in the older years". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 5 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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